

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 98

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Relative to Cinco de Mayo Week.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 27, Mendoza. Cinco de Mayo Week.

This measure would proclaim May 2 through May 9, 2011, as Cinco de Mayo Week, and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo.

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is memorialized as a significant date in the history of California and Mexico in recognition of the courage of the Mexican people, who defeated a better trained and equipped army at the “Batalla de Puebla”; and

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo serves to remind us that the foundation of any nation and our state is in its people, in their spirit and courage in the face of adversity, in the strength of their drive to achieve self-determination, and in their willingness to sacrifice even life itself in the pursuit of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo offers an opportunity to reflect on the courage and achievements not only of the Mexican forces at Puebla, but also on the courage and achievements of Latinos here in California; and

WHEREAS, Achievements by Latinos in America and California include contributions to all facets of our community; and

WHEREAS, Latino voters continue to go to the polls in record numbers and influence the entrance of newly elected Latino public officials in both the Democratic and Republican parties and issues ranging from affordable housing, investing in our children, ensuring that higher education is affordable and accessible, creating good paying jobs for working families, and improving the overall quality of life for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, California’s Latinos have contributed to our culture and society through their many achievements in music, food, dance, poetry, literature, architecture, entertainment, sports, and across a broad spectrum of artistic expression; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, the Latino Caucus saw a need to recognize and honor distinguished Latinos for their contributions and dedication to California and the United States’ economy and cultural life with the annual Latino Spirit Awards. These recipients are outstanding individuals who have greatly contributed to the wonderful music, poetry, literature,

journalism, and entertainment of California, the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Latinos in California have challenged the frontiers of social and economic justice, thereby improving the working conditions and lives of countless Californians; and

WHEREAS, Latino entrepreneurs in the United States are the fastest growing group of business owners in our economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature urges all Californians to join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo, the historic day to honor the valiant spirit of the brave Mexicanos who defended the town of Puebla against the French invaders, to honor the Mexican Americans of today who have fought, died, and lived to protect the freedom of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature declares May 2 through May 9, 2011, as Cinco de Mayo Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.